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**Washington, D.C.** – *Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (D-CA) issued the following statement today following Arizona Governor Jan Brewer's signing of SB 1070, which forces police officers to question anyone they "reasonably suspect" to be an illegal immigrant:*

"Arizona may as well have issued a law that says only light-skinned people who live or visit here have civil rights. This is the most oppressive piece of legislation since the Jim Crow laws. It's a sad day for a country founded on freedom when one misguided state condones racial profiling into law to win a few more votes from the hate-monger wing of the Republican party."